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SHARE OF INDIA IN FPI
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the share of India in the World processed food item market is negligible despite its being a leading country in agriculture and horticulture sector;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the concrete steps the Government proposes to increase share of India in the World processed food item market?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) The share of India of processed food in world market is as under:

(Value in million US $)

Product	World	India	% share
Meat & meat Products	46956	278	0.6
Cereals	59628	1643	2.8
Vegetables & Fruits	73884	816	1.1

(Source: 2002 International trade statistics Year Book UN 2004)

(b) Lack of infrastructure, quality products, commercial research, good packaging, processing facilities and the unorganised nature of the food processing sector adversely impact processed food exports.

(c) The initiatives taken by APEDA to boost export of processed food products include setting up of Agri Export Zones, organization of buyer-seller meets, participation in important trade fairs and publicity. It is also extending incentives to exporters through its schemes for Infrastructure Development, Market Development, Quality Development for testing of Pesticides Residue, Research and Development and Transport Assistance.